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September and October Payrolls Add +25,700 Jobs October Unemployment Rate Falls to 8.9 Percent

CHICAGO – Illinois added 15,400 jobs in October after gaining 10,300 jobs in September and the October unemployment rate fell to 8.9 percent, according to seasonally adjusted data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). September and October job growth represents the largest two-month gain since May of 2010.

“Today’s milestone is encouraging. It highlights the progress that has been made and underscores that there is much more to do,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “Job growth in manufacturing and retail trade is encouraging. Manufacturing number shows continued growth in Illinois and retail trade growth anticipates shoppers willing to spend with the potential for additional hires in November.”

The September and October reports are combined in Illinois and elsewhere as a result of the temporary federal government shutdown, which delayed the collection of data at the state and federal level.

Illinois has added +268,900 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned following nearly two years of consecutive monthly declines. Leading growth sectors are Professional and Business Services (+117,700); Education and Health Services (+57,700); and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+51,600). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -27,300.

Since January 2010, when compared to the previous month, Illinois recorded job growth in 34 months and loss in 12. The unemployment rate fell in 26 months, increased in nine and was unchanged in 11.

The unemployment rate’s three-month moving average, which smoothes monthly volatility, was unchanged at 9.1 percent in October. The number of unemployed individuals fell in October for the third consecutive month, down -12,600 (-2.1 percent) to 579,400. Total unemployment has fallen -172,800 (-23.0 percent) since early 2010 when the state unemployment rate peaked at 11.3 percent for the months of January and February.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work. Historically, the national unemployment rate is lower than the state rate. The state rate has been lower than the national rate only six times since January 2000.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	Oct 2013	Sept 2013	Oct 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2013 3-Month Avg
Illinois	8.9	9.1	8.8	8.9	9.1
U.S.	7.3	7.2	7.9	7.8	7.3

Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs – by Major Industry

Industry Title	October* 2013	September** 2013	October 2012	September 2012	October Over the Month Change	October Over the Year Change	3-Month Moving Avg.	Change From Previous 3-Month Mov. Avg.
Total Nonfarm	5,825,800	5,810,400	5,768,500	5,752,600	15,400	57,300	5,802,200	7,200
Mining	10,700	10,600	10,200	10,200	100	500	10,500	0
Construction	182,700	184,300	187,200	185,000	-1,600	-4,500	185,700	-900
Manufacturing	577,700	574,200	585,200	584,700	3,500	-7,500	574,800	-900
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,172,500	1,171,100	1,160,200	1,154,100	1,400	12,300	1,170,000	3,500
Information	99,700	99,300	99,500	99,500	400	200	99,200	-400
Financial Activities	371,400	373,300	368,400	366,500	-1,900	3,000	373,400	-200
Professional and Business Services	898,600	891,700	867,800	868,200	6,900	30,800	891,600	2,900
Educational and Health Services	879,200	881,600	870,200	866,200	-2,400	9,000	880,300	-200
Leisure and Hospitality	544,800	540,100	536,900	535,800	4,700	7,900	539,500	300
Other Services	259,500	256,900	250,500	249,900	2,600	9,000	252,400	1,900
Government	829,000	827,300	832,400	832,500	1,700	-3,400	824,800	1,200

*Preliminary

**Final

Notes:

- Illinois monthly labor force, unemployed and unemployment rates for years 2008-2012 have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In February of each year, monthly labor force data for all states are revised to reflect updated sum-of-states controls, Census population controls, seasonal factors, non-farm jobs and unemployment insurance claims inputs. Data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly household (CPS) survey. Comments and tables distributed in prior Illinois unemployment rate news release materials should be discarded because any analysis, including records, previously cited might no longer be valid.
- Seasonally adjusted employment data for subsectors within industries are not available. For not seasonally adjusted jobs data with greater industry detail, go to http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Custom/Library/Statistic/CES/I_NSA_CES_Illinois_MSAs_Jobs_2000_to_Current.XLS.
- “Other Services” includes a wide range of activities in three broad categories: Personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet Metropolitan Division are available at: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=2509>.

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